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of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

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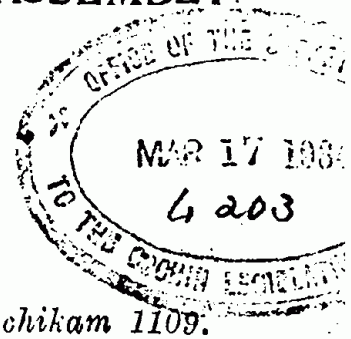
SECOND SESSION.



Monday, the 20th November 1933/5th Vrischikam 1109.

The Assembly re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the Deputy President presiding.

NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN.

Mr. N. Govinda Menon (*Co-opted member*) was sworn in and he signed the Rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Sir, we are at question No. 42. Last day, I put a supplementary question and it remains unanswered, because question time elapsed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You may put the question again.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know, in the light of the discussion of the Statham Report in this House, will the Government reconsider their decision in giving effect to the recommendations that have already been sanctioned?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have accepted and given effect to certain recommendations of the Educational Reforms Committee, which called for immediate action. At the last session of the Assembly, the Chief Secretary answered in reply to a question that there were some recommendations which called for immediate action and Government have only taken action on such recommendations. I do not think that Government will reconsider and revise the action which they have taken on these recommendations.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Sir—

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Sir, with reference to the answer—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT; You cannot ask any more supplementary question to this main question.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): A word by way of explanation Sir. There is a rule that, when a member stands up, the other member has to sit down and it is only in compliance with that rule that I sat down when the question was answered, and not with a view to refrain from asking further supplementary questions. Anyhow, I bow to th Chair.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The Chief Secretary replied and sat down and I found Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar sitting. If Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar had any intention of putting a supplementary question, it should have been done in a reasonable time. I saw Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar sitting silent for some time and another member Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai standing up. Some time before that, the Chief Secretary to Government, as I said already, had taken his seat. Therefore Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar cannot put supplementary questions to this main question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Sir—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You have also no right. Before you got up, the official member has sat down and some time elapsed and you sat down.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand then that no member can ask a supplementary question? With regard to this, I wish to say one word. The rule is for the official member to get up when he answers and after the answer he has to resume his seat. Then we may put questions. Instead of that, what I would suggest is to depart from the usual rule and see that the official member remains standing till the questions are over.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar's right has been negatived and Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai got up. Because the official member sat down, I could not allow Mr. T. P Velayudhan Pillai's question : that is the point. But if Mr. Asan wants to ask a question, it is a different matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I also got up, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I did not see that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the present Director of Public Instruction found it impossible to carry on his work without the Deputy Director of Public Instruction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has the Director expressed that he could not carry on his work without the Deputy ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The Director wrote for the appointment of a Deputy Director. The question was examined. The Government were convinced of the necessity and therefore it was sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it ascertained from the Director that he could not wait till the Assembly session for getting the services of a Deputy Director of Public Instruction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government found it necessary to appoint a Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : It is stated that the recommendation with regard to stfengthening of the staff in the Director's office has already been sanctioned. May I know whether it involves any extra expenditure ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was this Assembly moved for any supplementary demand ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. The expenditure was sanctioned under Section 32 of the Regulation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether Government hold the view that, even with regard to expenditure that has to be incurred in future, Section 32 is applicable ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I disallow that question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the reason for that, so that I may frame further questions in accordance with the ruling ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The Rules prescribe the manner in which questions shall be framed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand then that Government do not intend to move this Assembly for incurring additional expenditure ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : When the necessity for that arises, the question will be considered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether there was any instance in which additional expenditure not sanctioned in the budget has been incurred after the last meeting of the Assembly ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is cross-examining the member. I cannot allow that.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether Government took care to know from the Director of Public Instruction that, in case the recommendation to appoint the D. P. I. as Secretary to Government is not accepted, he should not feel the necessity for a Deputy Director ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government did not enquire into that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether Government will reconsider the constitution of the Text Book Committee in the light of the discussion in this House ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Text Book Committee has been constituted only provisionally to meet the immediate necessity of selecting text books for the next school-year. Government will certainly keep in view the suggestions made here, when they reconstitute the Text Book Committee next year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know when the Notification regarding prescription of text-books is published every year ? In what month ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Usually, the Committee meets in November and the list is published in January.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know when the list was published last year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): In April.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): And in the year before the last?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, I wish to know, when the Text Book Committee was constituted this year. I want the exact date, *i. e.*, how many days before this Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The proposal was received from the Director over a month ago. I have not got the exact date.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Has that Committee met?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The general principles regarding the constitution of the Committee have been sanctioned. Government are awaiting the recommendation about the personnel of the Committee.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know, what time will it take for that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Very soon, probably after this meeting of the Legislature.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Under such circumstances, may I know, will the Government at least consider the question of reconstituting the Committee?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you omit "under such circumstances," I can allow the question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Yes, Sir. In view of the recent discussion on the subject, and in view of the fact that the personnel of the Committee has not yet been decided, will the Government be pleased to reconsider the———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Again that is an argument. Please modify the question and then ask.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): When the Government considers the question of personnel of the Committee, could not the general principles of the constitution be revised?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The general principles have already been approved by Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Have Government nothing to say in regard to the appointment of the Deputy Director? Is it not a deviation from the recommendation of the Committee? I find in the Report that an officer on Rs. 600 is enough.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I may say all that is allowed is a question and no explanation of a question.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): In view of the fact that the Committee has recommended an officer on Rs. 600 for the post of Deputy Director, what prompted Government to appoint an officer on Rs. 900?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The appointment was made in strict conformity with the recommendations of the Educational Reforms Committee. They have stated in their Report that a senior officer of the department should be appointed as the Deputy Director immediately, so that, later on, he may become the head of the department. That is what Government have done.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): A little while ago, the Chief Secretary said that the personnel of the Text Book Committee has not been decided, but the principles underlying the constitution of the Committee were approved. May I know whether these principles find a place in the Report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the principles of the constitution of the Text Book Committee are on the lines of those enunciated in the Report.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it not the usual practice of the Text Book Committee, from year to year, to notify the last date when the authors and publishers should send up their books?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Does the member know that any such date has been fixed so far?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The date will be fixed very soon and published.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): That being so what was the urgency for the acceptance of the principles of the constitution of the Text Book Committee by Government even a month ago?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director brought to the notice of Government the urgency of approving the general principles of the constitution of the Committee. Government were satisfied with it and approved the arrangement.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the Committee has recommended as its Chairman Mr. Statham, the Director of Public Instruction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Govern-met*): No.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The fact that the official member sat down is liable to more than one interprctation. It is all a question of different ways of understanding. Mr. Velayudhan Pillai, if you have any questions to ask, you may now do so.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): റെക്കമെൻഡേഷൻ മൈനറോ മേജറോ എന്നു നിശ്ചയിക്കാനുള്ള മാനദണ്ഡം എന്താണ് എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are beside the point.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഒരു റെക്കമെൻഡേഷൻ മൈനറെന്നോ മേജറെന്നോ നിശ്ചയിക്കാനുള്ള മാനദണ്ഡം എന്താണ് എന്നു ദയവായി പറയാമോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അതു പറയുവാൻ ഭാവുത്തിയില്ല. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഓരോന്നിനെപ്പറ്റിയും ആലോചിച്ചു മേജറൊ മൈനറോ എന്നു തീർച്ചപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നു മാത്രമേ പറയുവാൻ തരമുള്ളൂ.

Anchal buses running between Alwaye and Parur.

43. *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Traffic Superintendent has ordered that the Anchal buses running between Alwaye and Parur should not take passengers in them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഈ ലൈനിൽ അഞ്ചൽ ഉരുപ്പടികൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ ഏതു ബസ്സുകൾക്കു പെർമിറ്റു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I wish to know whether that is a starred question, because, in my printed sheet, I do not find a star attached to that whereas all the other questions are starred. The official member has also answered the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We will presume, unless it is starred, Government would not have treated it for oral answers. In the printed list also there is written in bold characters, "Questions for oral answers."

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know, whether the buses running along the Alwaye-Parur line will be given G. permits?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That does not arise. The answer to the main question being in the negative, I do not think any public interest will be advanced by putting a supplementary question.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know, whether the Anchal buses running along the Alwaye-Parur line can take passengers?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow the question.

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